

## TREGO COUNTY TRACINGS.

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### COLLYER CAWINGS.

COLLYER, March 23, 1888.  
Another arrival.  
Bright and sunny.  
Hay is a scarce article of late.  
"Got any butter?" "Not any" is the cry.  
Mr. Wolf was in Wa-Keeney yesterday.  
Miss Lizzie Fike is quite indisposed at present.

Saturday and Sunday were very disagreeable days.

Mr. J. H. Smith came up Friday night from Wa-Keeney.

Mr. Frank Swiggert was in Wa-Keeney last Thursday.

Mr. Charley Andrews spent yesterday in the county seat.

Mrs. Bundy is still unable to walk from the sprain she received.

Sunday next is Easter. Save the eggs. Wonder who will eat the most?

Your humble servant spent a few days of last week in the county seat.

Collyer school will open Monday, April 2, for a three months' term.

Mr. B. F. Bartlett is some better at this writing. May he speedily recover.

Mr. Snyder is kalsomining the school house to-day, preparing it for school.

For coal, flour, feed and baled hay, call on Walter Bruner, Collyer. 472-4

Mr. J. L. Bundy has had a very sick horse this week, but it is some better now.

Tramps are numerous along the railroad. We heard fifteen were in Collyer one night last week.

Mr. T. O. Smith, Daisy Martin, M. P. Goodwin and Pearl Kessler attended the theatre at Wa-Keeney last evening.

An Easter ball will be given at the "Opera House" in Collyer next Monday night, April 2, to which all are invited.

Mr. Henry Mineheart and a daughter of Mr. Shrauger's left last Wednesday evening for Falls City, Nebraska. Good-by, Henry.

Mrs. Goodwin, mother of M. P. Goodwin, and Mrs. Charles Adams arrived in Collyer to-day, and will probably spend the summer.

Mr. Walter Bruner returned home Thursday, after finding his horses sixteen miles north of Wa-Keeney. It would be better to picket those horses.

Mr. Myron Bruner, a traveling salesman and brother of Walter Bruner, stopped off Friday and paid his brother a short visit. He went on to Denver Saturday.

Several parties in this vicinity have been hauling hay from north-east of Ogallah. Some met with considerable bad luck; one load "upset," and another got fast in the mud.

Messrs. Smith, Bruner and Goodwin and Misses Martin, Fike, Kessler and Mrs. R. G. Kessler all attended a school entertainment given at Quinter on last Friday evening, by the scholars of that school.

EVERYBODY

In this vicinity is cordially invited to come to Collyer, and examine my stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Queensware and Glassware, Flour and Feed, etc.

Examine my prices and be convinced that you can not do better elsewhere.

My motto is: "Quick sales and small profits."

D. FOURS.

Mrs. M. J. Smith, a former milliner of this place, but now of Hill City, Graham county, accompanied by her son, came down last Friday night after some goods which she left last fall. They left early Saturday morning.

Mr. Wolf, of Illinois, who has purchased the farm formerly owned by James Power, arrived in Collyer Saturday morning with a car load of goods. He has also brought several head of fine horses. Mr. Wolf's family came Saturday night on the 10 o'clock.

A Bohemian girl, aged about twelve years, living four miles north of Collyer, was accidentally shot in one hand and knee a few days since, while she and her brother were playing with a shot gun. We understand the girl is in a critical condition and, but small hopes are entertained of her recovering. Children can not be too careful of fire arms.

W. C.

DOWNER DOINGS.

DOWNER VALLEY, TREGO Co., March 24, 1888.

Charlotte Gillam will prove up on March 28.

School began last Monday, with Mr. Knapp as teacher.

Low Halsey is busy at hauling rock for the county court house.

James Hiseout expects to put in his big licks this year at farming.

George fellows has traded his team of horses for a span of mules.

F. Chapin has been hauling his hay from Big Creek the past week.

David Brown has lately moved upon his homestead, and will make some improvements.

Rev. Mr. Walker preached a powerful sermon to the sinners of Downer creek Friday night.

A clique of the Downer boys have gone to Phillips county, where they will work on the railroads this summer.

Yesterday Mr. Whitlock was in search of his horses which escaped a few days ago. He seemed to enjoy the walk very much.

We have a gun on the Downer that can not be beaten for hunting. The Elgin gun is long range and sure shot; and it is

not uncommon to see Elgin riding across the prairie with from seven to ten ducks.

Hon. W. S. Tilton lectured on the tariff Thursday night. The crowd not being very large did not lessen the force of the argument.

S. V. Hinkle was unfortunately burned out last Sunday. The loss was not serious, as nearly every thing was taken out of the house.

Grass is starting to grow; winter wheat and rye look splendid; cattle are increasing instead of decreasing in weight, and everybody in general is looking happy.

YUM YUM.

BANNER BUGGLINGS.

BANNER, TREGO Co., March 19.

John Steward is going to work for Mr. Spicer again this season.

The Banner school got fairly under headway last week, with twenty-four pupils enrolled.

Dan McMannus proved up on his homestead last Friday. Peter Peterson also made final proof on the same day.

Quite a number of the Banner people have been in Wa-Keeney the past week on land business—a contest in Gen. Thomas's court—Bud McKnight vs. Asa Purinton.

Mrs. McKay, from near Leadville, Col., has been visiting the families of Mr. Wynne and Mr. Teague the past week. She and her son William started back to Colorado last Sunday.

Rev. J. C. Elliott preached his last sermon for this conference year at Banner last Sunday. Brother Elliott has been very faithful and earnest in the work, and we hope he has done a lasting good.

Planting timber on timber claims is being pushed in this vicinity. We should, in a few years, have a good many nice groves of timber. People are planting more timber than formerly on their homesteads.

A. B. Baker came to Kansas three years ago, badly affected with pulmonary consumption. He has so far improved that during the worst and coldest days we had this winter he was out the most of the time.

J. CANTREL B.

BEST BASIS.

The Assessment Policy in This County All Right.

BIG CREEK, TREGO Co., March 27, 1888.

To the Editor of the Western Kansas World:

Friend Rich, in arraiguing the trustees on the assessment in our county, does them an injustice. He could not have informed himself, or else went off in a dream.

His article is a misstatement of facts all through. He cites Ellis county in comparison. Now, let us see:

Horses—6 mos. to 2 yrs. old, \$30; Ellis, \$10 to \$20. 2 yrs. and under 3, \$60; Ellis, \$30. 3 yrs. and over, \$30 to \$90; Ellis, \$40.

CATTLE—6 mos. to 2 yrs. \$6; Ellis, \$4 to \$7. 2 yrs. and under 3, \$12; Ellis, \$8. 3 yrs. and over, \$18; Ellis, \$9.

Notes, money, mortgages, mercantile goods,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Ellis,  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

In Ellis county horses, cattle, etc., are to be assessed at one-half their value, the same as money, mercantile goods, etc.

In Trego county horses, cattle, etc., are to be assessed at from 90 to 125 per cent. of their actual value, while money, goods, etc., are to go at one-third of their value. It seems unnecessary to go further with the enumeration of charges. The facts are simply the reverse of friend Rich's assertions. Now, let us see what the facts are:

In Trego county, horses 6 mos. to 2 yrs, \$10; Ellis \$10 to \$20. In Trego, 2 yrs and under 3, \$20; Ellis, \$30. In Trego, 3 yrs and over, \$10 to \$30; Ellis, \$40.

Cattle—In Trego, 6 mos. to 2 yrs, \$2; Ellis, \$4 to \$7. Trego, 2 yrs and under 3, \$4; Ellis, \$8. Trego, 3 yrs and over, \$6; Ellis, 9.

Sheep—In Trego, 40c; Ellis, 50c.

I, for one, believe that our trustees have made as fair and low a valuation as can possibly be made, and one that will be lower by 50 per cent. than has ever been made in this county. As to the two-hundred-dollar exemption being taken out of the total valuation, in place of out of the one-third valuation, I believe it to be just to all parties, from the fact that a man might own six hundred dollars' worth of property without paying any tax, and, under the present assessment, a good deal more. While it may make a little more to pay tax on, it will not be as much as it was last year. To illustrate:

Last year, cattle 3 yrs old were assessed at \$12; this year, at \$6—just one-half. Suppose you had forty head of cattle last year assessed at \$12 per head. The total would be \$480. Take off the \$200 exemption, and \$280 would remain. Now, forty head, at \$6 per head, are assessed \$240. So, it is \$40 less, and the man who had all his personal property exempted last year will have to pay some tax this year. A gentleman told me in Wa-Keeney the other day that the exemption covered all his personal property, such as household goods, last year, but would not this.

L. L. McGARVIE.

Charged with Assault and Battery.

On Thursday Geo. and Robert Musgrave, of Ogallah township, were arraigned before Justice Bartlett, on the charge of assault and battery on Geo. Brabb.

The difficulty, we learn, grew out of some personal allusions of a harsh nature which young Brabb had made. All three of the participants are nearly grown. The defendants were admitted to bail in the sum of one hundred dollars each until next Wednesday, when the case will be tried in Justice Bartlett's court.

Judge Osborn gave the Rush county destroyer of the election returns thirty days in jail and command to pay a fine of one hundred dollars. The judge, we understand, imposed a light fine, on the ground that it was evident that others, not on trial, were equally guilty with the convicted man in this devilish work.

Gardening proceeds gayly.

Some beautiful weather this week.

Forestry Commissioner Robb and wife were in town on Thursday.

Miss Moffit, of Sharon Springs, is visiting Mrs. Geo. I. Verbeck.

Ralph Criswell, of the Gove City Graphic, was a yesterday's caller.

Sparks is doing the sign lettering for the firm of Ward, Emig & Hollister.

Dr. Upshaw's family moved into their nice new residence on Thursday.

Constable Escher, we are glad to note, gets a good deal of official business.

Mr. J. M. Padgett, a well known newspaper man from Clay county, is in the city.

It is expected that the stone work on the new court house will be begun the coming week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Blair and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Nelson went fishing yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Sampson, of the Graham Paper Co., of Kansas City, was in town on business last Saturday.

A good delegation of the fun-loving young folks of Collyer came down Tuesday evening to attend the opera.

Mrs. C. A. Beavers returned home early in the week. She had been assisting in church work at various points.

Dr. J. W. Scott's mother, who had been visiting Mr. Kelley's family, returned to Ness City on Thursday.

Justice Hutzel and wife moved into their residence on Thursday. Their home is one of the nicest in the city.

F. P. Irish, the efficient traveling agent of the Kansas Newspaper Union, of Topeka, took in Wa-Keeney on Thursday.

J. H. Avery has opened the Franklin House. The location is one of the best in the city, and the prospects of success seem bright.

Geo. Barrett went to Manhattan the latter part of last week, on court-house rock business. He is expected back home in a day or two.

Chairman Kelly, of the County Republican Central Committee, makes a call this week which every member of that body should read and respect.

Miss Annie Wright has moved her millinery store into the Aldrin building. She has a large stock of beautiful goods, and plenty of room to display them.

C. W. F. Street means business, as a reading of his advertisement will convince you. He has a stock of goods large enough to satisfy the most exacting demand of hardware purchasers.

Advertise in the World. It reaches the people. That is what business men want of a paper, to say nothing of the fact that this paper has, for more than nine long years, stood by this region.

Hon. W. S. Tilton, editor of the Wa-Keeney World, a member of the legislature from Trego county, and a man who made a most creditable record as a member of the legislature, was in the convention.

[Topeka Capital, 29.]

J. M. Cober, formerly of the Quinter Guide, but later of the Wetmore Spectator, reached town Monday evening, and has been duly installed as foreman of the World office. Mr. Cober is a first-class job printer; and we want to say now that this office purposes from this time on to have its just share of the job work of this locality if work, warranted to please, does not fall below the demands of the friends of this office.

Prof. I. D. Graham, of the State Agricultural College, was an exceedingly pleasant caller on Thursday. He was accompanied by County Superintendent Baker, with whom he had business. From here Prof. Graham went to Lane county to visit friends. He and Captain Carson, of this city, were college companions, both being graduates of Abingdon College, in Illinois. The professor is an ardent advocate of private dairying and the adoption of the ensilage system in western Kansas.

Hon. J. R. Barton, of Abilene, expects to be in Wa-Keeney to-day for the purpose of making an argument, in connection with Mr. Danford, before Judge Osborn on the dismissal of the case against McMeekin, of Wallace, on the charge of murder. The law, we believe, is that when a case has been continued through three or more regular terms of court, it shall be dismissed. This case stands in this position. Of other points which may bear upon it, we know nothing; and have no opinion to express as to what should or will be the outcome of this demand for dismissal.

MARRIAGE MATTERS.

MARRIED—Tuesday, March 27, 1888, at 6 o'clock P. M., by Rev. W. H. Mahaffie, Miss Carrie L. Street and Newton J. Metz.

The ceremony was performed at the Franklin House, in this city. A large number of our citizens were present by invitation. Soon after the marriage rite had been performed, the cornet band serenaded the happy couple. Mr. and Mrs. Metz were the recipients of a large number of presents. Mr. Metz has been a resident of Ness City, and on Wednesday he and his wife started to that place, where they will make their home. Mr. Metz is about to engage in the hardware business at that place.

Mrs. Metz has spent the greatest portion of her life in Trego county, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. F. Street, being among our oldest settlers. The World wishes the newly-married pair all the success imaginable.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Action of the Board of Assessors Explained.

GLENCOE TWP., TREGO COUNTY, March 24, 1888.

Hon. W. S. TILTON, Editor Western Kansas World, Sir: Will you be so kind as to give me a little space in your valuable paper in explanation of what the agreement was between the assessors of Trego county on March 5, as I understand it:

	Cash Value	Ass'd Val.
Horses, 6 mo. and under 2 yrs.	\$30.00	\$10.00
do 2 yrs do	60.00	20.00
do 3 do and over	90.00	30.00
Next cattle, 6 mo and under 2 yrs.	4.00	2.00
do 2 yrs do	12.00	4.00
do 3 do and over.	18.00	6.00
Mules and asses, 6 mo and under 3 yrs.	36.00	12.00
do 3 yrs do	60.00	22.00
do 3 do and over.	100.00	33.00
Sheep, 6 mo and over.	1.20	.40
Hogs, 6 mo and over (per hundred lbs)	1.50	.50
Goats, 6 mo and over.	1.00	.30

This is a true copy of the memoranda, as taken by me at time of meeting of board, on the 5th of March, not 6th, as has been stated.

Yours Respectfully,  
W. F. CROSS,  
Assessor of Glencoe Township.

All other personal property at one-third of actual value. Land at \$1.25 to \$3.00 per acre. Buildings on land, one-sixth of present value. Those figures in column noted cash value were what we considered the present cash value of No. 1 stock, and as I understand it, had nothing to do with the assessment, except as a basis for getting at a one-third cash value; but, after the basis was fixed, the county clerk advised the assessors to put the property (personal) in at a cash value and foot up, take out the \$200 exemption, and then divide the remainder by three to get one-third of a cash value. I noticed in the World of 10th inst. that the statement published was not right, as I understand the basis formed, but supposed the error would be corrected in the next issue; but, on getting my paper to-day, of 17th inst., I see it was not done; and, not seeing any thing from any of the assessors of the other townships in explanation, I send you this statement, and ask you to please publish the same.

Very respectfully,  
W. F. CROSS,  
Assessor of Glencoe Township.

P. S.—I am satisfied there was no agreement to assess personal property at a cash value.

W. F. C.

FOR SALE.

Sec. 35, town 10, range 25, Graham county.

Sec. 3, town 11, range 25, Trego county.

N.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 3, town 12, range 23, Trego county.

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Sore throat may be cured in a few hours by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm when the first symptoms appear. If the case is a bad one, thoroughly saturate a flannel bandage with it and apply to the throat. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy should be taken internally and a cure is certain. Sold by H. J. Hille.

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The Pioneer Clothing House is receiving its Spring stock of clothing.

[First published March 10, 1888.]

Ordinance No. 60.

An Ordinance calling for the election of City Officers and designating the place where such election shall be held.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Wa-Keeney, Kansas:

Section 1. That an election shall be held on Monday, April 2, A. D. 1888, for the election of City Officers, as follows, viz:

One Mayor.  
Five Councilmen.  
One Police Judge.

Sec. 2. That the place for holding the election called for by Section One of this Ordinance shall be the building occupied by Wm. Spicer, on east side of Franklin Street, in said City of Wa-Keeney, and the polls will be open from eight o'clock A. M. until 6 o'clock P. M. of said 2nd day of April, 1888.

Sec. 3. All ordinances in conflict with Section 2 of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its publication in the Western Kansas World.

Approved March 7, 1888.

A. L. GLEASON, Mayor.  
W. E. DANX, City Clerk.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance passed by the councilmen of the City of Wa-Keeney, Kansas, on March 6, 1888. Witness my hand and seal.

W. E. DANX, City Clerk.

U. S. LAND COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

U. S. Land Office, Wa-Keeney, Kan., Feb. 15, 1888.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Matt Williams against James Alden Jr., for obstructing his homestead entry No. 2281 filed December 1, 1885, upon the  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 4, to 15 s., r. 24 w., in Trego county, Kansas, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 25 day of April, 1888, at 9 o'clock A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged obstruction.

W. E. PILKINGTON, Receiver.

W. E. Danx, Attorney.

## MONEY

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